

STATEMENT BY JACK VALENTI, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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"The digital working group deserves our gratitude for taking on an enormously difficult problem with integrity, creativity and determination. While a great deal more work lies ahead, we can't neglect the impressive steps they have taken.

The Copyright Protection Technical Working Group (CPTWG), composed of representatives of the motion picture, sound recording, computer and consumer electronics industries, has found a technical means to protect our valuable property as DVDs enter the market, which we expect to be backed up by effective anticircumvention legislation. Their efforts have us on the road to technical security never before available to the motion picture industry.

I am grateful that those involved in the CPTWG will maintain their pace and focus and am confident that they will resolve other outstanding issues such as video-on-demand transmissions and analog-to-digital copying. Timely attention to these outstanding issues would represent a great service not only to the electronics, computer and entertainment industries, but to consumers everywhere."

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